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## McCain comes to Central Coast

Marlize van Romburgh  
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San Luis Obispo congresswoman Lois Capps (D-Calif.) went head-to-head with Republican John McCain earlier this week when the presidential candidate held a rally in Santa Barbara to discuss energy issues.

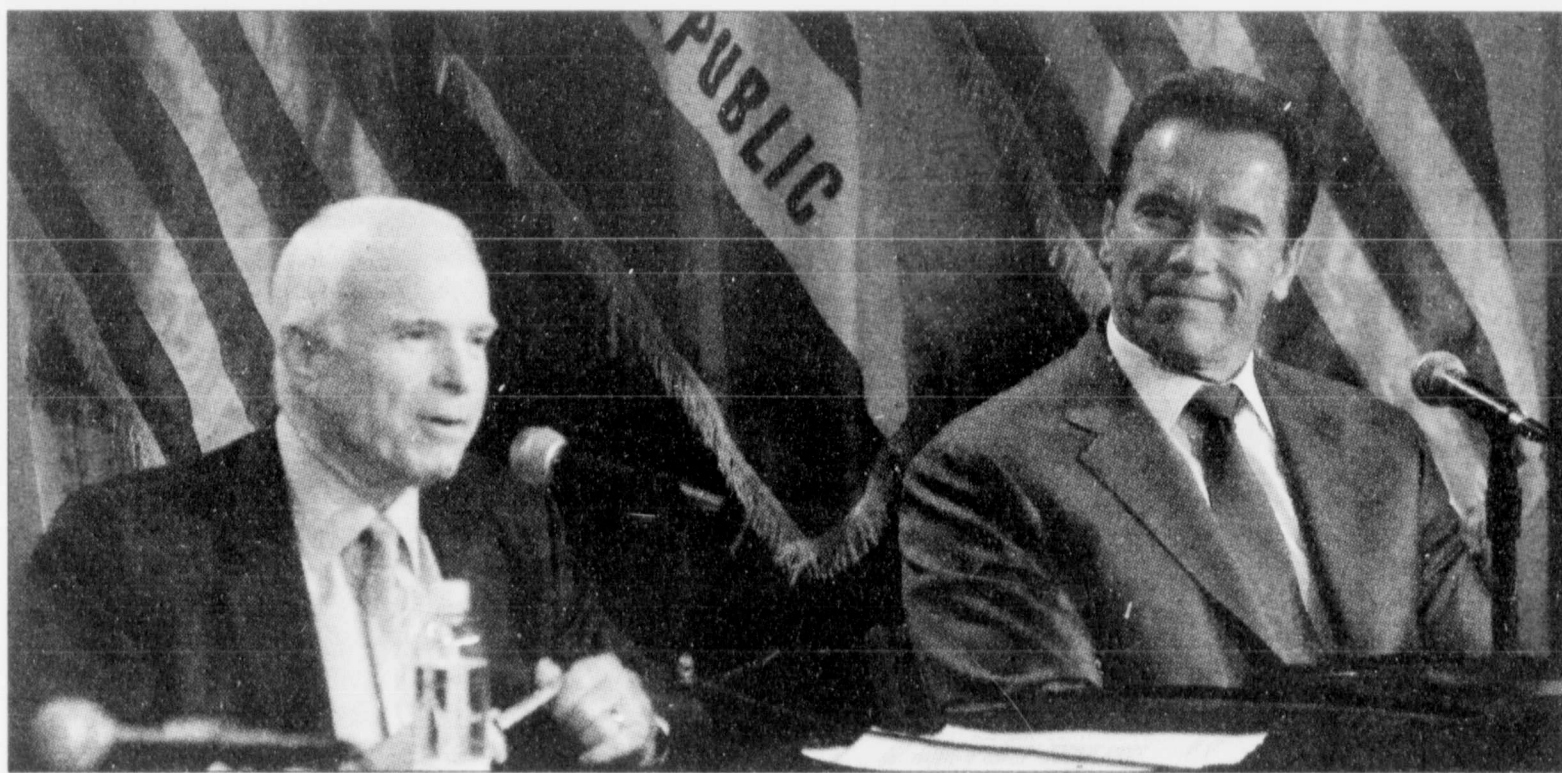
McCain visited Santa Barbara on Monday and Tuesday; the first day for a private fundraiser with local Republicans, the second for a green energy rally at Museum of Natural History alongside Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

MSNBC reported that the demonstration outside the rally was the largest anti-McCain gathering they've seen this election season.

McCain recently proposed lifting the moratorium on offshore drilling in an effort to increase domestic oil production and ease consumer gas prices.

"The immediate problems of high gasoline prices and of our strategic dependence on foreign oil are upon us," McCain said in Santa Barbara. "And on recent days, I've been setting forth a plan of action. When people are hurting, and struggling to afford gasoline, food and other necessities, common sense requires that we draw upon America's own vast reserves of oil and natural gas."

He went on to speak about the other facets of his energy platform — including investing in nuclear technology, developing a cap-and-trade system, modernizing the nation's electric grid, and offering tax incentives for green energy usage — but never specifically



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Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, left, and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, right, spoke on energy issues in Santa Barbara. Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-Calif.) criticized McCain on Monday.

spoke about expanding offshore drilling at the rally.

"In these and other ways, we can meet the challenge of global warming with all the resources of human ingenuity at our disposal. Like other environmental challenges — only more so — climate change presents a test of foresight, of political courage, and of the unselfish concern that one generation owes to the next," McCain said.

Capps fired against McCain in a press teleconference alongside state senator Barbara Boxer on Monday, saying that the proposal to lift the oil moratorium is evidence of a hypocritical

energy platform.

"This is a total gimmick; we aren't going to drill our way out (of an energy crisis)," she said. "John McCain has flopped on the energy issue and now he's threatening the livelihoods of the workers who depend on a clean coast."

Capps and environmentalists nationwide reacted strongly to McCain's proposal, countering that the effect on gas prices would be negligible while the negative effect on the coastal environment would be long-lasting.

"McCain wants to threaten our \$70 billion coastal economy," Capps said. "This Bush-McCain policy is nothing

more than a sweet deal for big oil companies."

"(Lifting the moratorium) is going to hurt our economy, it's going to hurt our environment, and it's going to hurt our health," Capps continued.

Offshore drilling is an especially hot topic in Santa Barbara, which saw the state's worst oil spill in 1969. An estimated 3 million gallons of crude oil spilled out into the ocean when a blowout occurred from an oil platform six miles offshore, killing thousands of marine birds and animals and leaving a

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COURTESY PHOTO

Firefighters rushed to extinguish a 2007 fire on the hill that hosts the Poly P near campus.

## Crackdown on fireworks

Camas Frank  
MUSTANG DAILY

Possession of fireworks will not be tolerated in San Luis Obispo County this fire season, Cal Fire announced in a statement released today.

While so called "safe and sane" fireworks are available for sale and use in the cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, as well as in the San Miguel, Templeton, and Oceano fire districts, possession elsewhere can result in misdemeanor citations and a \$2,000 fine.

On the Cal Poly campus, University Police Chief Bill Watton vows to strictly enforce the law.

"Fireworks of any kind are not legal on campus. Not 'safe and sane' nor any others," he said.

Watton would like to avoid a repeat of the June 30, 2007 fire on the "Poly P" hillside that was started by illegal bottle rockets and burned 50 acres.

"That [fire] occurred at six in the morning when the ground was the most moist. So if it can happen then it can happen at any time of the day," he cautioned.

Public fireworks displays will still provide plenty of excitement this July 4 however, with the cities of Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, Cayucos, Cambria, Santa Maria, and Paso Robles offering free evening shows.

## Neighborhood patrol program on hold

Lauren Rabaino  
MUSTANG DAILY

A controversial neighborhood patrol program is on hold because of a large amount of student protest and possible budget issues.

The neighborhood protection plan was just one of many city projects created by funds from Measure Y, a half-cent tax that passed in San Luis Obispo in 2006. The part students especially opposed allowed police to cite loud parties, even if there was no neighbor or citizen complaint.

Although plans are at a halt, San Luis Obispo Chief of Police Deborah Linden said she would change the program to better reflect student concerns, a decision reached after an on-campus meeting June 3 between city officials and students.

"There is a healthy portion of students who would feel like it's very directed at students," said Associated Students Inc. President Angela Kramer, who attended the meeting. "They feel like it's the 'party police' coming in to lay down the law or kill parties and, at the same time, there are people who understand the need."

Officials used the meeting to clarify misunderstandings and show students why neighborhood patrols are necessary.

"I think (the meeting) put it in much better context and I think that's valuable," Linden said.

Linden said the reason students felt so targeted was because of vast misinformation circulated by a Facebook group of 1,500 students opposed to the measure. Civil engineering senior Mike Ginther created the Facebook group "Students Against Measure Y" which he said grew to 1,000 members in its first week.

Although the students claim to be against Measure Y, Linden said the students actually oppose a program created by the measure, rather than the measure itself.

"There is a misunderstanding that Measure Y is a series of ordinances," said City Councilman Paul Brown, who was also at the student discussion.

The neighborhood control plan was created based on signifi-

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## Program

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cant complaints from community members.

"It was neighborhood residents going to City Council really, really fed up," Linden said. Although the plan was created based on wants and needs of the community, she was open to student concerns.

"Based on that input, we're putting refinements to the program that is now on hold," Linden said.

Ginther said he understands the good in Measure Y.

"I think the neighborhood team via the patrols is actually a good thing, because there are a lot of things in the Poly neighborhood happening," Ginther said. He added, however, that parts of the plan are targeted at the Greek system and sports teams.

Like fraternities and sororities, athletic teams that pass their houses on to the next generation of students are on a premise list because of prior noise violations.

"For me personally, I think that the whole point of neighborhood team is supposed to be for safety," Kramer said.

"If there's a cop driving down the road ticketing a few guys making noise and all they're doing is playing on a Wii... that's not what safety is about."

After listening to student concerns regarding noise violation, Linden said that revisions will come.

However, due to recent budget issues facing the police department — because of a binding arbitration decision that resulted in pay raises for police — the future of the neighborhood control program is unclear. Linden said more specifics will be announced in coming months.

If the plan for unannounced noise citations is removed from the program, Ginther said it would appease most of the students' concerns.

Kramer said she hopes to continue conversations with Linden to improve the relationship between

campus and the police department. She said students should realize that these measures aren't set in stone yet and they can always be changed.

"We're really going to work hard this summer to develop a happy medium," she said. "Chief Linden and I will be discussing this in the near future."

Because the meeting was held the week before finals, time for questions and answers was limited. Councilman Brown, Kramer, and Ginther each said there needs to be more discussion on the issues.

"I wasn't sure if they were even going to be open to hearing us," Ginther said. "I think it's awesome that (Linden) even came out; a lot of cities' police wouldn't."

This isn't the first time city officials have met with students. Brown and Linden both said it is something they do each year. "Anytime you can have communication it's a good thing," Brown said. "I think students realize it's not the city versus students. We're all members of the community."

## Open fires prohibited

Whitney Diaz

MUSTANG DAILY

Burning permits and other open fire uses are currently suspended until further notice in the southern region of California due to the risk of wildfires and their potential to destroy life and property. The suspension was issued by Candace Gregory, Cal Fire's Southern Region chief.

"The burn suspension should not affect fire marshal-approved public fireworks shows," said Chad Zrelak, fire captain of the San Luis Obispo branch of Cal Fire. "The operators of these shows have to be licensed through the fire marshal's office and each display is inspected by a fire official before the show. All other fireworks (use, sale, possession) are illegal in San Luis Obispo County with the exception of some jurisdictions."

The suspension includes all state responsibility areas and local responsibility areas. The proclamation covers 23 counties, including San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Monterey counties. The current and predicted fire weather has alarmed officials, and is the primary reason for the suspension. Even agricultural, forest management, hazard abatement and other industrial-type burnings are suspended. All residential "dooryard" burning permits are also temporarily void.

"The burn suspension will be in effect until there is a proclamation from the regional chief lifting the ban," Zrelak said. "Given the current weather and wild land fuel conditions, the burn suspension will most likely not be lifted until the end of the fire season. Fire season usually ends in late fall or early winter."

## McCain

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massive oil slick that still has remnants today. That historic spill has often been cited as a catalyst for the nationwide environmental movement.

"Those of us who've seen the effects of oil drilling on our coasts need to educate the rest of the America," Capps said in reference to the spill.

Boxer said that lifting the moratorium is in effect a gift to big oil companies.

"We already know that 80 percent of the offshore oil is in already drillable areas," she said. "Yet only 21 per-

cent of those drillable areas are being drilled."

Cal Poly public policy graduate student Hans Poschman traveled the two hours south to see McCain speak on energy issues.

"He has a good platform. It's very moderate; he understands how to protect our environment without harming the economy," Poschman said.

"(McCain's opponents) say its going to take 10-12 years for a (drilling ban lift) to affect gas prices, but they've been saying that for 10-12 years," Poschman continued.

"If we'd started offshore drilling 10 years ago, maybe gas prices wouldn't be where they are now."

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## Briefs

### State

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**

— Nine teenagers and two adults who were reported missing in a rugged area of the Sierra Nevada mountain range hiked to safety Wednesday, hours after rescue teams launched a search.

The teens, ages 13 to 16, and their two 30-year-old guides turned up at a remote camp store several miles outside the search area, said Brad Mushovic, executive director of wilderness programs at Outward Bound, the nonprofit group that organized the expedition.

The hikers had last been seen on Sunday while on the tail end of a two-week backpacking and rock-climbing trip in the Sierra National Forest about 10 miles west of Kings Canyon National Park. They had supplies to last them through Friday, according to the Fresno County sheriff's office.

They were reported missing to authorities on Tuesday, two days after the group missed a rendezvous with a third guide.

The names of the teens have not been released, but sheriff's officials said they were from "all over the country," including Hawaii, Connecticut, Montana, Massachusetts and California.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**

— Yahoo Inc.'s leaders defended online search leader Google Inc. as a more desirable partner than Microsoft Corp. in a Wednesday letter that affirmed the Internet pioneer's commitment to a strategy which has alienated shareholders.

Yahoo embraced its planned advertising partnership with Google amid reports that it had revived talks about a possible deal with Microsoft. Information surfaced by unnamed people, despite Yahoo's repeated rejection since their tense mating dance began nearly five months ago.

Yahoo's letter is an attempt to fend off an overthrow of its board at their Aug. 1 annual meeting. The revolt was triggered by Yahoo's rejection of Microsoft's takeover offer of \$47.5 billion, or \$33 per share.

### National

**WASHINGTON (AP)**

Hundreds of people were arrested and 21 children rescued in what the FBI is calling a five-day roundup of networks of pimps who force children into prostitution.

The Justice Department says it targeted 16 cities as part of its "Operation Cross Country" that caps off five years of similar stings nationwide.

The children forced into prostitution are either runaways or what authorities call "thrown-aways" — kids whose families have shunned them. Officials say they are preyed upon by organized networks of pimps who lure them in with shelter or drugs, then often beat, starve or otherwise abuse them.

Authorities arrested 345 people — including 290 adult prostitutes — during the operation that ended this week. Since 2003, 308 pimps and hookers have been convicted in state and federal courts of forcing youth into prostitution, and 433 child victims have been rescued.

The cities targeted in this week's sting are: Atlanta; Boston; Dallas; Detroit; Houston; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; Montgomery County, Md.; Oakland, Calif.; Phoenix; Reno, Nev.; Sacramento, Calif.; Tampa; Toledo, Ohio and Washington.

## Scientists think big impact caused two-faced Mars

Alicia Chang  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Why is Mars two-faced? Scientists say fresh evidence supports the theory that a monster impact punched the red planet, leaving behind perhaps the largest gash on any heavenly body in the solar system.

Today, the Martian surface has a split personality. The southern hemisphere of Mars is pockmarked and filled with ancient rugged highlands. By contrast, the northern hemisphere is smoother and covered by low-lying plains.

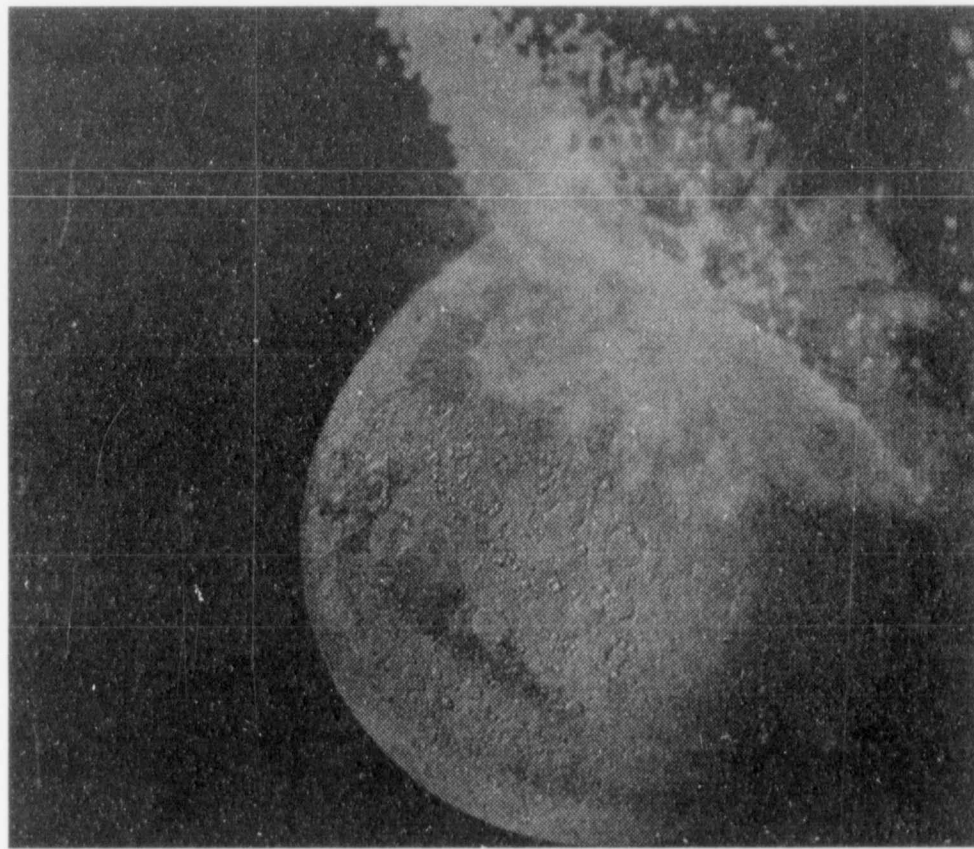
Three papers in Thursday's journal *Nature* provide the most convincing evidence yet that an outside force was responsible.

According to the researchers, an asteroid or comet whacked a young Mars some 4 billion years ago, blasting away much of its northern crust and creating a giant hole over 40 percent of the surface.

New calculations reveal the crater known as the Borealis basin measures 5,300 miles across and 6,600 miles long — the size of Asia, Europe and Australia combined.

It's believed to be four times bigger than the current titleholder, the South Pole-Aitken basin on Earth's moon.

Astronomers have long puzzled over Mars' landscape ever since im-



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Jeffery Andrews-Hanna of Massachusetts Institute of Technology renders an impact on the surface of Mars. Scientists say fresh evidence supports the theory that a monster impact punched the red planet.

ages beamed back in the 1970s showed different-looking halves. An orbiting spacecraft later observed the northern lowlands were on average two miles lower than the southern highlands and had a thinner crust.

Scientists who had no role in the studies said the latest research strengthens the case for a colossal

Martian impact, but it does not rule out the other theory that hot rock from inside the planet could have welled up and formed the different crusts.

All three teams believe there was a single giant blow and not several small hits because there's no evidence of other basins.

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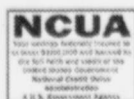
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# INDIE FLICK CHANNELS "RAMBOW"

Chelsea Bieker

MUSTANG DAILY

What happens when you combine a quirky young artist, a misunderstood troublemaker, and a video camera? Mix in some '80s fashion and little to no parental supervision, and you get a homemade sequel to the classic Rambo flick, "First Blood," appropriately titled, "Son of Rambow."

Written and directed by Garth Jennings, this low-budget indie film is a heartwarming tale that balances corniness and fantasy, with spectacular acting and truly touching moments.

Set in a quiet British community in the 1980s, we meet Lee Carter (Will Poulter) who makes it his mission to independently cause chaos around the school. When sent out of class for misbehaving, he meets his unlikely partner in crime, Will Proudfoot (Bill Milner) who is anything but rambunctious. Quiet, shy and content with doodling in his Bible, Will is the Ying to Lee's Yang. As part of a strict religious sect, Will was never formally introduced to bending the rules, so Lee takes it upon himself to show him the ropes.

Both boys have unusual home lives, and on paper the two seem entirely opposite. It is on screen that their bond evolves, beginning as strangers and ending as brothers. The boys bring a creative light to their imaginative lives as they sail through their days dreaming of flying dogs and scarecrows coming to life.

Lee lives in an elderly care home with his older brother and is often left alone with video equipment. He is instructed to make a bootleg copy of "First Blood," but after seeing an advertisement for a young filmmakers con-



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test, he spends every spare moment dreaming of winning. Securing the assistance of Will as his stuntman, the two begin a hilarious and touching journey to bring to life the screenplay Will creates.

It is a film inside of a film, and it is interesting to observe the parallels between the movie the boys create and the issues in their lives.

Both boys lack father figures, and in their film, the hero is on a rescue mission for his father, Rambo. Will plays the brave "son of Rambow," defending his father's honor with his chin held high and bandana intact. Initially, Lee comes off as strong and unaffected by his negligent parents but after acquiring a true friend, we see him transform.

The boys are not usually accepted by the other children at school; but once their peers find out about the film, they all suddenly want a lead role. Soon many students become involved, and Will becomes a mini celebrity. It is at this point that the charming, easy-going film unravels into a conflicted mess, with loyalty becoming an issue. Will faces adversity from his mother for going against their religion, and conflict with his best friend, Lee.

For a small, wiry boy, Will has to make some large choices. Should he abandon his upbringing and continue filming the movie? Should he continue working with the other students even though Lee wishes it was just the two of them?

When not consumed with the continuously entertaining plot, it is a treat to observe these amazingly talented young actors. It is like spying on two remarkable young boys, laughing and creating as though no one is watching. Featuring a colorful cast of characters, this film is rare triumph that any age can relate to.

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Bill Milner  
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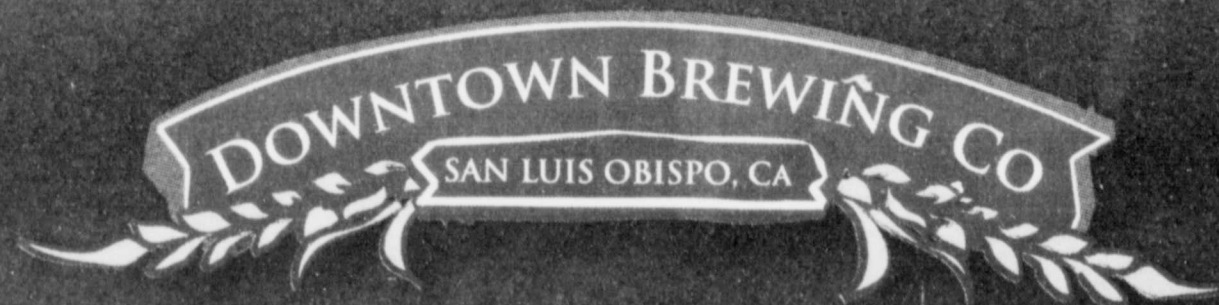
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# The best music you never heard

Scott Silvey  
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From Bob Marley to Stevie Wonder to Jimi Hendrix, singer/songwriter Kierstin Gray is influenced by many different genres. Next week, she will bring her unique blend of sounds to The Clubhouse in San Luis Obispo.

"I am really inspired by eras and periods of music, so my tastes run a wide gamut," the 28-year-old musician said.

Gray, who hails from New York, said she enjoys coming to California but the majority of her performances have been in the Bay Area, and she said she will enjoy learning more about the southern California music scene.

With a wide variety of musical influences, she is not shy about covering the work of some of her favorite peers.

"I really get into anything that gives me a new way of interpretation, so I love doing covers," she said. "I think you learn a lot about song structure and identity through lyrics and melody when you can re-interpret a piece of music."

Juggling her variety of sounds is sometimes tough for Gray, who plays guitar and sings with a band in New York but will be touring California alone.

"It is a challenge, but a welcome one," she said. "I like to explore themes with my music, so it keeps things fresh for me and, I hope, for the listener."

Experimentation is a big part of her sound and she is willing to try new things with the guitar or vocal aspects of her repertoire.

"Sometimes I look to include an element I haven't tried, or a concept," she said. "Mostly I try and write songs that are familiar to people, either in sound or in lyric."

Gray said she stumbled upon the music business a few years ago but has really enjoyed the whirlwind ride.

"I was in college and some friends suggested I go to an open mike," she said. "After going there for a while, I started actually writing songs for it, and then that sort of just kept progressing to being a professional musician. It was a gradual process, but often it seems like I have been doing this overnight."

Gray, who describes her sound as "the best music you've never heard," will begin her performance at The Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. on July 1. The show is free to the general public.



COURTESY PHOTO  
New York singer/songwriter  
Kierstin Gray will bring her  
eclectic style to The Clubhouse.

## Hot sounds of summer, again

Whitney Diaz  
MUSTANG DAILY

Thousands have gathered for the Concerts in the Plaza series, which kicked off its 13th season on June 13 when local band StillTime performed their "face-melting groove rock."

Every Friday, local talent performs at San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza, where music, dancing, food and fun meet. This Friday's concert features a Latin vibe with a twist as local band Qué Cosa (meaning "that thing" in English) performs.

"Our music has a lot of elements of traditional Latin music, but is also influenced by (Spanish) pop styles," said Larry Arone, the band's co-leader. "We're going to do songs from our CD, some original arrangements of Cuban standards, and salsa tunes."

Many band members of Qué Cosa also played with local favorite Salson, which performed at past Concerts in the Plaza events. Event officials said they hope for a good turnout for this Friday's show.

"The first week had a huge crowd," said Christine Tiaga, the series' promotions coordinator. "It was so great. It was graduation weekend, so there were a ton of people — the whole plaza was packed. Last weekend, we had a heat wave, so it was a

low turnout."

The series is free of charge thanks to its many local sponsors, including Mission Community Bank and Limberg Lasik. Each concert runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., except the special July 4 double header featuring Sugar Daddy Swing Kings at 2:30 p.m. and The Shival Experience at 4:45 p.m. This is the first year the series will feature a double header show.

"We decided to do a double header because it's not typical that the Fourth of July lands on a Friday," Tiaga said. "So we wanted to celebrate that way. Also, with gas prices going up, some people don't want to travel too far."

The early start time for the show is no fluke either.

"It's early, so if people still want to go to the beach and see the fireworks, they can," Tiaga said.

What began as a monthly series is now a weekly concert with 13 bands, which is the most ever, Tiaga said. Each band must be local, have at least three members and play dance-friendly music to suit the atmosphere.

"We usually have 12, but because we have a double concert to celebrate Independence Day, we have an extra band," Tiaga said.

Ten bands are returning to the series, while only three are new features, including last week's David LaFlamme, this week's Qué Cosa, and July 25's Tres Gatos.

Chino's Mexican Bistro serves tacos and G's Italian Freeze provides refreshing treats, and beer and wine will be served at a bar set up in the plaza.

To preview some of Qué Cosa's music, their album "Viejo Amor" can be downloaded from iTunes.



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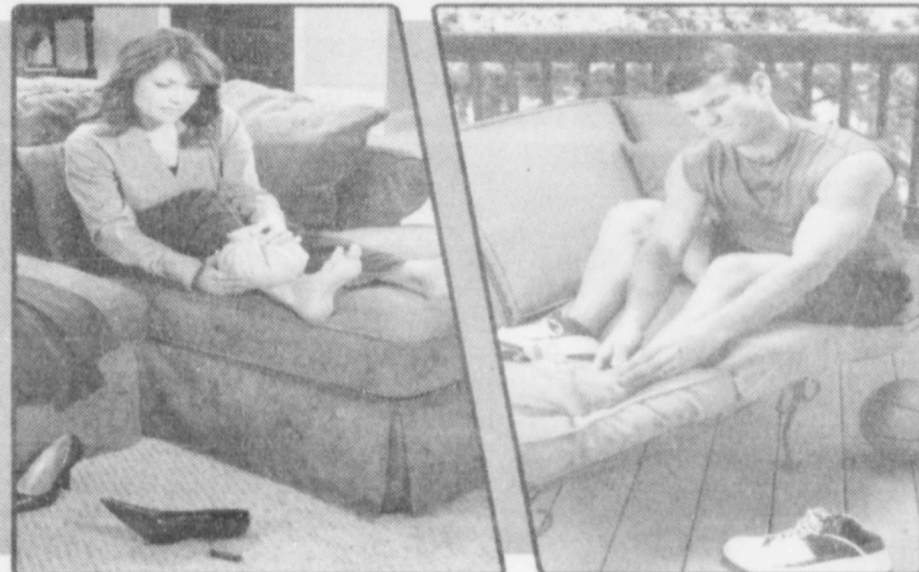
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# MUSTANG DAILY OPINION/EDITORIAL

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## My beach is not your ashtray

Since I live in the little community of Grover Beach and can literally see the beach from my house, I often go down there to exercise and run along the breakwater in an effort to be healthy. But lately I've noticed the amount of litter getting bigger and bigger along these runs. I often have to stop and pick up beer cans, water bottles, and old toys that people leave in their wake after a weekend.

Sometimes, as I lay out and run my toes into the sand — trying to enjoy the best part about living on the coast — a cigarette butt comes up. It disgusts me that people think the beach is a large-scale ashtray.

According to the Surfrider Foundation, in 2000 there were 230,000 cigarette butts picked up along California's beaches in one day during Coastal Cleanup Day. It was the No. 1 trash item found. Cigarette butts are the most widespread form of litter.

It's bad enough that cigarette butts are the most commonly found trash items on the beach, but their

toxins do even more damage. These little pieces of trash wash out into the ocean, polluting the environment and harming marine animals who eat them thinking they're food. Plastic cigarette filters have even been found in the stomachs of fish, birds, whales, and dolphins.

According to [tobaccofacts.org](http://tobaccofacts.org), there are 165 chemicals in cigarettes, including acetone, lead, formaldehyde, ammonia and benzene. These chemicals are released into the ocean and threaten the quality of the water. Cigarette butts are made out of cellulose acetate, which can take anywhere from two to 20 years to decompose. That's a long time for something so small.

Luckily, there is a way to fight the problem. Municipalities can put out more easily accessible ashtrays for smokers to properly dispose of their cigarettes, and passersby can do their part in picking up this kind of litter. Don't just walk over it and let someone else do the work; sure, community service organizations sometimes take the time to come out and pick up litter, but they don't come every day.

Get involved with an organization like your local Surfrider Foundation and help out on days when people pick up trash. It's a good way to meet people too!

If you don't want to become part of the problem in the first place, set the example for others when you have a big group going down to the beach.

When you start a life and a family of your own, I'm sure you'll want to take them to the beach to enjoy a nice hot summer's day. Do you really want to get down to there and see nothing but piled-up garbage and cigarette butts? If we don't act now and help save the beach, what will happen in the future when it's too late and there is nothing left to enjoy?

I don't know about you, but I really don't want to lie out on a beach covered in cigarette butts. That's not very appealing.

*Raiza Canelon is a journalism senior.*



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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Logging partly to blame for fires

On June 4, 2008, the Mustang Daily published an article "Why environmentalists hurt the environment" by Jennifer Gilmore. This was an opinion piece, and as such it was open to wide interpretation.

In the article, Jennifer missed some important aspects of wildfire management. For example, it is correct that thinning a forest does usually reduce wildfire hazard. But she is mistaken when she goes on to suggest that "a little bit of logging" will also reduce wildfire problems. Her article accuses environmentalists of regurgitating what has been printed in the liberal media. She seems to be unaware of her own bias toward the timber industry.

Historically, logging is the root cause of our present wildfire problem in the Western United States. Starting in the 1930s and accelerating after World War II, the U.S. Forest Service came under heavy pressure from the timber industry to extinguish all fires for commercial logging.

This fire policy was too successful, and a mix of thick forest and brush grew up. These thick tree and brush stands were ideal fuel. Next, the very thick forest was made-to-order for insect and disease epidemics that created more fuel. Finally, in many western areas, a large number of expensive homes were built in these thick forest sites, adding another fuel layer.

The process of thinning as a wildfire hazard technique has been abused by many commercial timber

companies. In some situations, a stand that is supposed to be thinned ends up looking like a "seed tree" harvest. Most professional foresters agree that responsible wildfire management does require appropriate tree removals — but, not very often a full-scale timber harvest.

Economics and culture are the two reasons why more thinning is not accomplished. Thinning is a very expensive operation to do by hand. So, some less successful attempts to lower cost by controlled burning and use of herbicides have been used in some places. Culture is a part of the thinning problem in those situations where the USFS has attempted to pay (at prevailing rates) unemployed loggers to thin forest stands. A decade ago, in Oregon, not a single logger signed up for thinning work, because it wasn't "big timber."

While I was teaching forestry, I always told my students that sustainable forest management had to include responsible tree removals. If Jennifer hasn't already taken a natural resources course, she might find it helpful if she writes any more fire-related articles. Her article was a good attempt, but not quite on target.

*Tim O'Keefe is an emeritus professor of forestry and a Society of American Foresters Certified Professional Forester.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Make smart drinking decisions this Fourth of July

The San Luis Obispo County DUI Task Force and the AVOID the 14's goal is to warn people of the dangers and consequences of driving while impaired.

Every 39 minutes and nearly 40 times a day, someone in the United States dies in an impaired driving-related crash according to research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

We are reminding everyone this Fourth of July that "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving" and to designate a sober driver before the celebrations begin. Don't let your day end in an arrest—or even worse, death. Make smart decisions. Plan ahead, so you can assure a safe way home.

Whether you've had way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk. Don't ever get behind a wheel of a vehicle when you are impaired or get into a vehicle as a passenger when the driver has been drinking. Be safe, be smart and arrive safely to your destination.

**Erin Taylor**

*Director of the San Luis Obispo County DUI Task Force/AVOID the 14*



Well, personally, I think hip-hop is dead. And you can call me whatever you want: a hip-hop snob or whatever, but you are an idiot. How is it not? Think about the music that was around 10 years ago — Biggie, Pac — then look now. Cam'ron? Come on dude.

— Marty

*Response to "Hip-hop isn't dead"*

Having known Charlie for years, I am glad the Cal Poly SLO students and neighbors can enjoy his distinctive humor and wide-ranging knowledge (of a somewhat eclectic nature). He may be older than most students but his curiosity and love of life is as youthful as anyone's. A very enjoyable article.

— Dan Songster

*Response to "America's oldest college radio DJ?"*

I would have to say, this was not a very interesting article. It just made me think, "well, be more noticeable and maybe you might catch someone's eye. Or start writing some, even if you do have a boyfriend." I have written some on Craigslist just about someone I thought was interesting and would be nice to find out more about them, but none romantically. If everyone would write about anyone they see, more people would meet and actually check on the site, not just when you're randomly bored.

— BreeAnna McManus

*Response to "Once upon a time online..."*



## Olympics

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others who have not already met the Olympic "A" qualifying standard would need to do so at the trials in order to make the team.

In other words, if three standard-less jumpers placed first through third at the trials at heights beneath 6-4 ¾, and Day placed fourth, she would supersede them and make the team by virtue of already having achieved the standard during the applicable time span (the past 18 months). But if the three other jumpers to hold the standard were to place above her, she wouldn't make the team.

"Hopefully, everything comes together like it has this year, and she'll be rolling," said Jack Hoyt, Cal Poly's jumps coach. "Sharon seems to rise up a little higher when the pressure is on. I think she's relieved she's already made the (6-4 ¾) mark, and can just get in there and compete. She's got a fantastic chance."

Day, who has jumped at the track before (although it's been upgraded for the trials), said she's lightened her training in order to be "fresh and not so sore or run-down" at the meet, which will be held through July 6.

Women's high jump finals will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 4.

In addition to Day, former Mustangs Jon Takahashi (in the men's pole vault), Maggie Vessey (women's 800), Kaylene Wagner (women's high jump), Stephanie Brown-Trafton (women's discus throw) and Ben Bruce (men's steeplechase) have qualified for the trials.

Three others with Cal Poly ties — Ryan James and Aris Borjas

(both in the men's javelin throw), as well as Phillip Reid (men's 1,500) — have provisionally qualified, but still could be left out of the field.

Brown-Trafton, a No. 2 seed with a mark of 217-1, finished 11th in Group A at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, at 192-1.

Wagner, a ninth seed, and Takahashi, a 10th, are the only other Mustangs seeded in the top 10 of their respective events.

Takahashi, Brown-Trafton and Vessey will compete in Friday's prelims, Wagner in Monday's and Bruce in July 3's, when Reid would also compete if he qualifies.

If Borjas and James qualify, their prelims will be July 4.

"There aren't that many opportunities to get there," Hoyt said of the Olympics. "It's really an elite group. To be able to say you were on an Olympic team is really special. It's every athlete's dream as a

Sharon seems to rise up a little higher when the pressure is on.

— Jack Hoyt  
Cal Poly's jumps coach

little kid."

For Day, who saw her parents and had a graduation party the weekend before heading to the national championships, representing her country by becoming the ninth former Cal Poly track and field athlete to compete in the Olympics would more than make up for not being able to attend her graduation festivities.

"It would be incredible," Day said. "It would be one thing to be part of a U.S. team in anything, but for me as a track-and-field athlete, the Olympics are kind of the biggest deal, so it would be a really special honor."

## Deaths

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likely.

If Vick died on the football field from a hit that broke his neck, we would have seen it from every angle available. We would have seen the sky cam, the sideline cam, and the referee hat cam.

We certainly saw every shot of former Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett's career-ending hit that people believed would leave him paralyzed.

Everett has made a remarkable recovery, but had he died on the

field, the broadcast would have remained the same.

While the Eight Belles tragedy has brought about a rapid discussion on horse safety in racing, thus far there has been no significant talk in regards to ramping up Funny Car safety regulations.

After Earnhardt's death in 2001, the fourth NASCAR-related death in less than a year, NASCAR officials began looking for ways to ensure driver security, eventually developing the next generation of the racecar, dubbed "The Car of Tomorrow."

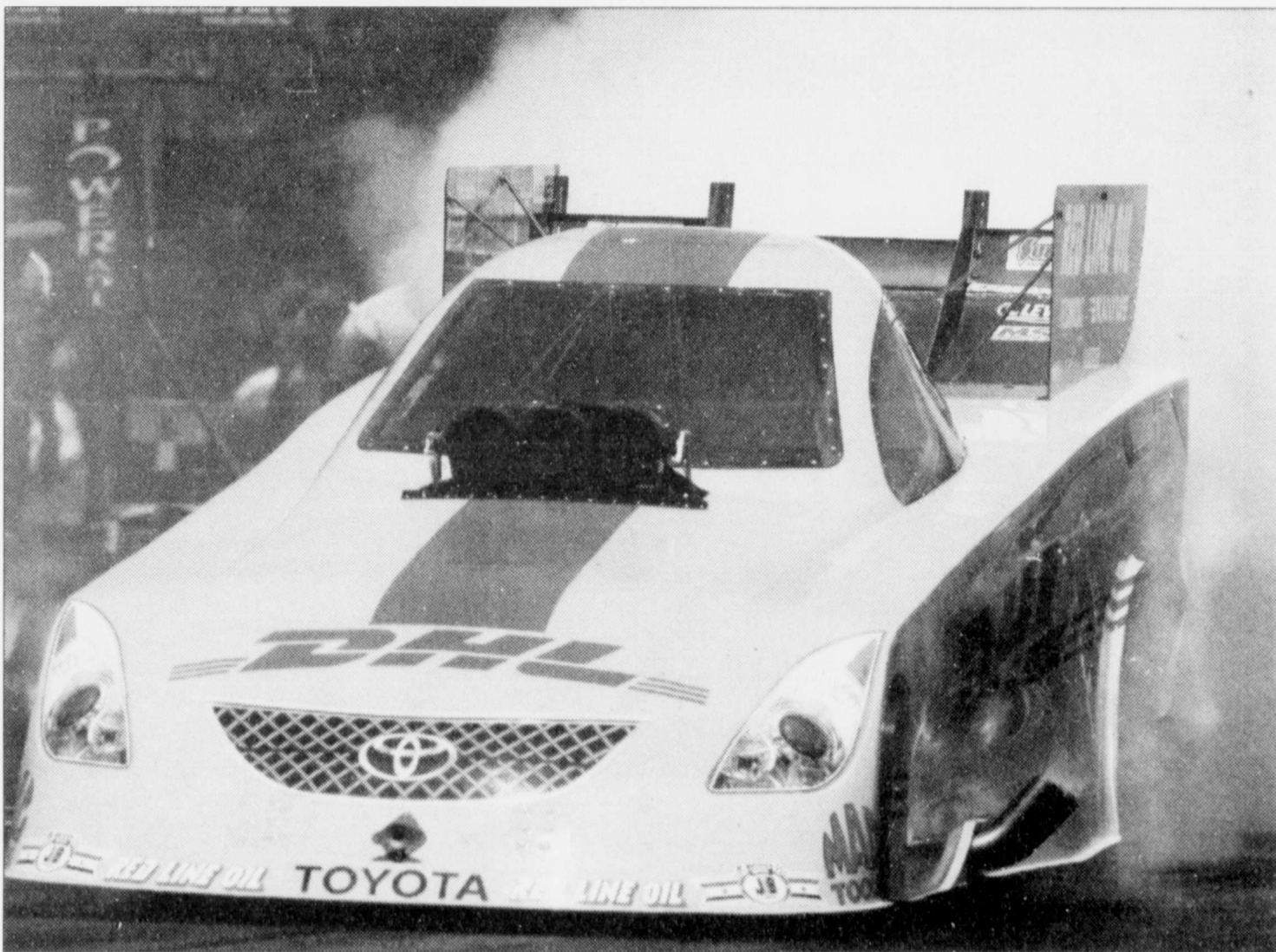
Kalitta's death is the second Funny Car fatality in just more

than a year.

In March 2007, Eric Medlen died during a practice run after a tire failure. Six months later, popular Funny Car racer and reality television star John Force suffered a near fatal crash from which he has still not completely recovered.

For the sake of the fans who do not enjoy watching athletes' deaths plastered across the television screen, let's hope the NHRA follows horseracing and NASCAR with its own sweeping reform.

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Scott Kalitta does a burnout during qualifying for the Lucas Oil NHRA SuperNationals drag races at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park on Saturday in Englishtown, N.J. He died soon after when his Funny Car crashed.

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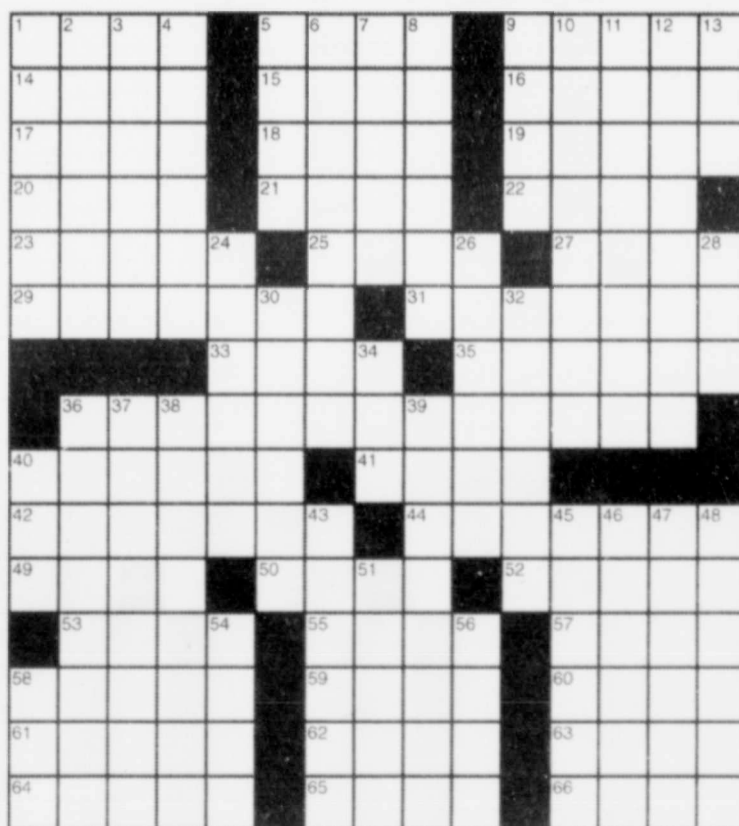
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  - 53 \*Relative of an Azerbaijani
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  - 58 Not discounted, say
  - 59 \*Narwhal feature
  - 60 Nearest major airport to Bush's Crawford ranch
  - 61 Attorney with the autobiography "My Life on Trial"
  - 62 Culturally showy
  - 63 This, to Jorge
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  - 66 \*End

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- 10 Portion of a trick-or-treater's haul
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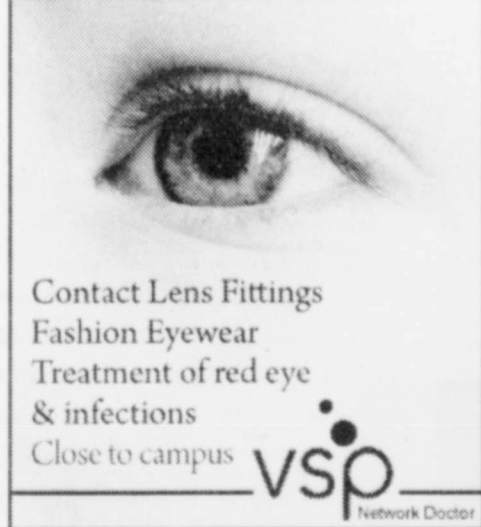
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# Day leads former Mustangs looking to head to Olympics

Donovan Aird

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Nearly two weeks ago, Sharon Day missed her graduation ceremony. She was OK with that, though, because she can soon qualify for another ceremony — at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Day finished her Cal Poly career June 13 by placing second in the women's high jump at the national collegiate outdoor track and field championships in Des Moines, Iowa — parts of which were being overwhelmed by flooding.

A day later, she couldn't make it home in time for her formal graduation.

"It was kind of crazy because there were all these things happening in all of their separate little worlds," Day said. "There was flooding and natural disaster over there, a national track meet over here. Our hotel was actually on a huge hill above the river, where you could see everything; we were just waiting for something to happen, but it didn't really affect the meet. All this stuff was going on, but we weren't really a part of it."

She will, however, be a part of the Olympic trials, which begin Friday at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. Women's high jump prelims will begin at 7:15 p.m. Monday.

"I've been trying to think of it as just another U.S. championship, and trying not to think of it so much as the Olympic trials," Day said. "But it's hard not to let the



MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

**Sharon Day, shown as a sophomore during the 2004-05 season, was a seven-time All-American during her Cal Poly career, which ended June 13. On Monday at the Olympic trials in Eugene, Ore., Day, who is seeded fourth in the women's high jump, will try to finish in the top three to earn a trip to Beijing.**

magnitude of this meet get in the way."

The seven-time All-American from Costa Mesa met the Olympic "A" qualifying standard May 17 at Cal State Northridge with a personal-best clearance of 6 feet, 4 3/4 inches — the country's best collegiate mark this season and 3 1/2 inches higher than her leap at the national meet.

Needing a top-three finish at the trials to make the U.S. squad, Day enters the competition seeded fourth (with a 1.95-meter seed mark) — behind Nike's Chaunte Howard (1.98), Destinee Hooker (1.96) and ASICS teammate Amy Acuff (also 1.95).

"I like my chances really well," Day said. "Out of the four women who've jumped the standard,

Chaunte and I have most recently done it. The other two haven't done it as recently."

Although Arizona sophomore Elizabeth Patterson edged Day (the 2005 collegiate outdoors national champion) at the national meet by needing one fewer attempt at 6-1 1/4, Patterson and all

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## Draftees from Cal Poly tune up in summer leagues

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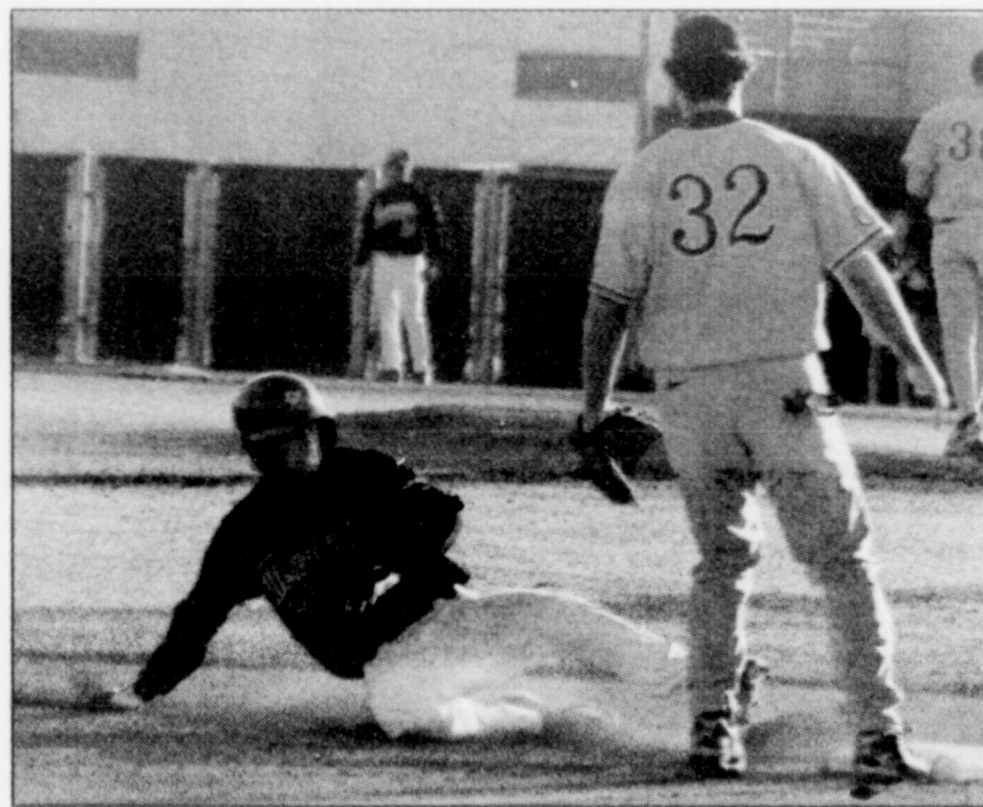
Although the Cal Poly baseball season ended May 25, many Mustangs are in the midst of playing in summer collegiate leagues across the country.

Former Mustangs Brent Morel, Logan Schafer, Derrick Saito and Brian Grening, who have all already signed professional contracts, are also playing summer baseball, after being chosen in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft from June 5-6.

Morel, a third baseman, agreed June 7 to a \$458,000 signing bonus with the Chicago White Sox after being chosen with the 86th overall pick and is batting .233 in Great Falls, Mont. for the Great Falls Voyagers of the Pioneer League.

Schafer accepted June 14 a signing bonus of about \$400,000 plus college tuition and incentives from the Milwaukee Brewers, who chose the center fielder 94th. He's hitting .235 for the Helena Brewers, also of the Pioneer League.

Saito, a left-handed pitcher who's struck out five batters in 2 1/3 innings of work for the league's Idaho Falls Chukars, came to terms June



MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

**Cal Poly junior center fielder Logan Schafer (left), shown April 15 during a 10-7 win over College World Series champion Fresno State at Baggett Stadium, is hitting .235 for the Helena Brewers of the Pioneer League.**

9 on a \$100,000 signing bonus plus one year of college tuition from the Kansas City Royals, who selected him 475th.

Grening, a right-hander, has surrendered three earned runs in an inning on behalf of the New York-Penn

League's Mahoning Valley Scrappers of Niles, Ohio after inking a deal June 12 with the Cleveland Indians upon being picked 1,161st.

Four more Mustangs drafted — sophomore right-hander Kevin Castner, sophomore outfielder Luke Yo-

der, junior southpaw Jared Eskew and sophomore right-hander D.J. Mauldin — are also playing this summer.

Castner (taken 303rd by the Texas Rangers) is suiting up for the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod League, Yoder (996th by the Minnesota Twins) for the Alaska Baseball League's Anchorage Pilots, Eskew (1,400th by the Baltimore Orioles) for the West Coast Collegiate Baseball League's Corvallis Knights and Mauldin (1,441st by the Seattle Mariners) for the Eau Claire Express of the Northwoods League.

Closer to home, several Mustangs are playing for the California Collegiate League's San Luis Obispo Rattlers and the unaffiliated San Luis Obispo Blues.

The Rattlers' roster features incoming second baseman Evan Busby, sophomore left-hander Kellen Moriarty and incoming right-hander Mason Radeke.

Meanwhile, the Blues feature incoming catcher Jordan Hadlock, junior outfielder Philip Ortez, incoming outfielder Robert Crocker, freshman third baseman J.J. Thompson and junior right-hander Eric Massingham.

Professional teams have until Aug. 15 to sign players who've not fully utilized their college eligibility.

## To show or not to show?

Scott Silvey

ON COVERAGE OF RACING DEATHS

Imagine you are watching television when you see shocking footage of an athlete's death. Not only do you see it once, but you are then shown replays of the death highlighting all camera angles so that we may see the exact moment the person died.

On Saturday, the death of Funny Car driver Scott Kalitta was the latest in a string of incidents in which athletes' deaths were broadcast for the world to see.

It is hard to understand why videos of murders or deadly traffic accidents are not shown to the public, yet a video of a car bursting into flames at 300 miles per hour and exploding into a barricade is.

What is the difference between a traffic accident video and a race-car crash?

When Dale Earnhardt died in 2001, the video of his death was seen not only on sports television, but also on news broadcasts nationwide.

Some might say an athlete's celebrity status means they forfeit any right to a dignified death.

Are we to believe that if Britney Spears was shot in the head on camera that news broadcasts would be plastering that footage anywhere they could?

Ironically, the best-handled athletic death this year was not even human.

The filly Eight Belles, who had to be put down after finishing second in the Kentucky Derby, was shown collapsing just one time on the initial broadcast — a total of 11 seconds on air were devoted to the actual moment she broke both front ankles.

This is a horse we are talking about. The horse did not even die on the initial fall; she was put down later.

In the case of Kalitta, his car exploded in a speeding ball of flame and headed straight into a wall, where it flew into the air, showering the area with debris. The fiery crash was replayed on ESPN ad nauseam for an entire day.

Many people felt that showing Eight Belles' collapse was offensive. No one as of yet has seemed to complain about viewing Kalitta's death.

If Michael Vick had videotaped his dogs fighting, would it have been broadcast? That is highly un-

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Scott Kalitta